

B<sup>2</sup>  
2. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein step of [displayin] displaying the price further comprises calculating a least cost path for the delivery of the quantity of electric energy from the first participant to the second participant.

3. The method of Claim 1 wherein step (c) further comprises:

- (a) displaying a seller's market; and
- (b) displaying a buyer's market.

C  
4. The method of Claim 1 wherein step (c) further comprises:

- (a) recording a transmission limit between said first and second participant;
- (b) verifying that the quantity of electrical energy is less than said transmission limit.

5. The method of Claim 1 further comprises classifying the quantity of electrical energy as interruptible or noninterruptible.

6. The method of Claim 1 further comprises:

(d) consummating a transaction between the participants for the quantity of electrical energy.

7. The method of Claim 6 further comprises:

(e) curtailing the transaction between the participants.

B3 8. (Once Amended) The method of Claim [1] 2 wherein the step of displaying the least cost path comprises:

- (a) determining each path for transmitting the electrical energy from the first participant to the second participant; and
- (b) adding any wheeling charges associated with said paths.

9. The method of Claim 1 further comprises maintaining a participant's identity anonymous.

C 10. The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of displaying the cost of the electric energy further comprises filtering any offers outside of a predetermined range of price.

11. The method of Claim 1 further comprises displaying a reliability indicator associated with any offer to sell electric energy.

B4 12. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of displaying further comprises:

- (a) establishing a database of current hour offers;
- (b) establishing a database of next hour offers[;].

13. The method of Claim 12 further comprises displaying the next hour offers during the current hour.